

Review of: "Yerba Mate as a Co-Precursor in the Synthesis of Silica Through the Sol-Gel Technique"

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The idea of using yerba mate as a precursor of synthetic materials is a good proposal, but I think it deserves a deeper exploration in this paper. The quality of the images presented is not good, and the analysis of the data only refers to the FTIR technique (by the way, a paper written in English has a Figure with axis titles in Spanish). On the other hand, I wonder what the potential applications of the materials obtained will be... I think the paper should be re-written by considering all the suggestions given by reviewers on this page.